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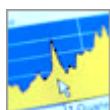
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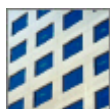
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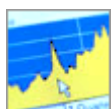
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NT SUMMARY STATISTICS

Cat. no.	Selected data	Unit	NT	Aust.
3101.0	Estimated resident population (preliminary), 31 Mar 2010	'000	228.5	22 271.9
6202.0	Total persons employed (trend), Aug 2010	'000	123.3	11 258.2
6202.0	Total persons unemployed (trend), Aug 2010	'000	3.8	612.6
6202.0	Unemployment rate (trend), Aug 2010	%	3.0	5.2
6202.0	Unemployment rate (trend), Jul 2010	%	2.9	5.2
6202.0	Civilian population aged 15 years and over(a), Aug 2010	'000	172.2	18 163.4
8731.0	Total dwelling units approved, % change from previous month (trend), Aug 2010	%	3.9	-2.7
8731.0	Total dwelling units approved, % change from previous month (trend), Jul 2010	%	7.7	-3.0
6401.0	Consumer Price Index (CPI), % change Jun Qtr 2009 to Jun Qtr 2010	%	3.2(b)	3.1(c)
6401.0	Consumer Price Index (CPI), % change Mar Qtr 2010 to Jun Qtr 2010	%	0.8(b)	0.6(c)

(a) See Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0), Explanatory Notes para 10.

(b) Darwin.

(c) Weighted average of eight capital cities.

– nil or rounded to zero

For further statistics about the NT see Regional Statistics, Northern Territory (cat. no. 1362.7).

PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND TOURISM IN THE NT

Did you know that during 2008–09 around 4,800 cattle and 1,200 calves were slaughtered in

the NT, resulting in about 1,020 tonnes of beef and 48 tonnes of veal? This and other information related to primary production and tourism in the NT was released in the Regional Statistics, Northern Territory, Aug 2010 (cat. no. 1362.7) publication. This release completed the entire content of the publication by supplementing chapters released previously in the November 2009, March 2010 and May 2010 issues. Chapters will now be updated annually on a rolling basis, with the next release scheduled for March 2011.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DARK?

People aged 15 years and over living in mainly urban areas of the NT were more likely to report feeling unsafe or very unsafe when walking alone after dark in their own neighbourhood than people living in any other state or territory in 2008–09 (6%, double the national average of 3%). A similar proportion reported feeling unsafe or very unsafe when at home alone after dark (7%), while 3% felt unsafe or very unsafe when at home alone during the day.

Further information on feelings of safety as well as personal and household crime can be found in Crime Victimisation, Australia, 2008–09 (cat. no. 4530.0).

USE OF HEALTH SERVICES BY TERRITORIANS

Results from the first national Patient Experience Survey show that about three out of four people aged 15 years and over in mainly urban areas of the NT had seen a general practitioner (GP) at least once in the 12 months prior to the survey in 2009. Of those who had seen a GP:

- about 11% had seen a GP for urgent medical care
- about 11% had seen a GP after hours
- about 30% had been referred to a medical specialist
- about 72% had received a prescription for medication.

About two in 10 people who saw a GP, and about three in 10 people who saw a medical specialist, reported that they had waited longer than they felt acceptable to get an appointment. About one third of households with children under 15 years had at least one child who had seen a GP for urgent medical care. Of these, almost two thirds (63%) reported that the child had seen a GP within four hours of making an appointment.

Further information can be found in Health Services: Patient Experiences in Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 4839.0.55.001).

NT REMAINS COMPARATIVELY YOUNG AND MALE

The NT had the lowest median age (31.2 years) and the highest sex ratio (107.8 males per 100 females) of all the states and territories at 30 June 2009. Almost one quarter of the NT's population were children aged 14 years and under, the highest proportion of any state or territory and higher than the national proportion of 19%.

Further information can be found in Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 3235.0).

NT HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS CONTINUE TO FALL

In trend terms, owner occupied housing finance commitments made in the NT fell for the fourteenth consecutive month in July 2010, down 4% from 339 in June to 327 in July 2010. This was the lowest number of commitments since December 2002. The trend value of these commitments fell by 5% from \$94.9 million to \$90.4 million over the same period.

Further information can be found in Housing Finance, Australia, Jul 2010 (cat. no. 5609.0).

NT TOP DOLLARS LIST

The highest incomes in the NT are being earned by people living in the Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) of Alyangula and Nhulunbuy, which are remote mining areas. Alyangula SLA recorded an average total income (from all sources excluding government pensions and allowances) of \$61,327 in 2007–08, followed by Nhulunbuy SLA with \$59,017. Completing the list of top five income areas in the NT were the SLAs of The Gardens (\$54,809), Narrows (\$54,764) and Fannie Bay (\$54,696) in Darwin. Around two-thirds of the SLAs in the NT recorded average total incomes above the Territory average of \$45,848.

Further information can be found in Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, 2003–04 to 2007–08 (cat. no. 6524.0.55.002).

2010 NORTHERN TERRITORY AT A GLANCE

The 2010 edition of Northern Territory at a Glance (cat. no. 1304.7) was released on 29 July in the form of a printed brochure and PDF file. It provides summary statistics on a wide range of topics for the NT, including physical data, population, vital statistics, education, employment and wages, retail prices, agriculture and fishing, mineral exploration and production, building, overseas trade and tourism. The PDF file can be downloaded for free from the ABS website and brochure copies are available from the NT ABS Office by calling 08 8943 2105 or emailing nt.statistics@abs.gov.au.

SELECTED PUBLICATION RELEASE DATES

Below is a list of selected publication releases containing NT data for the next three months. Publications with more than one issue due to be released during the period are listed only once. Please note some release dates may change after the publication of this newsletter. For all publication release dates please refer to the ABS Release Calendar.

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Social		
19 Oct	Arts and Culture in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2010	4172.0
22 Oct	Sports and Physical Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia, 2010	4156.0
29 Oct	Australian Statistics Advisory Council – Annual Report, 2009–10	1002.0
22 Nov	National Regional Profile, 2004 to 2009	1379.0.55.001
24 Nov	Education and Work, Australia, May 2010	6227.0
25 Nov	Corrective Services, Australia, Sep 2010	4512.0

Demography

8 Oct	Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 2009	3310.0
18 Oct	Migrant Statistics News, Oct 2010	3413.0
19 Oct	Births, Australia, 2009	3301.0
8 Nov	Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia, Sep 2010	3401.0
10 Nov	Deaths, Australia, 2009	3302.0
10 Nov	Life Tables, Northern Territory, 2009	3302.7.55.001
16 Nov	Demography News, Nov 2010	3106.0
26 Nov	Causes of Death, Australia: Doctor Certified Deaths, Summary Tables, 2009	3303.0.55.001

Economy

8 Oct	Australian Labour Market Statistics, Oct 2010	6105.0
8 Oct	Livestock and Meat, Australia, Aug 2010	7218.0.55.001
11 Oct	Housing Finance, Australia, Aug 2010	5609.0
13 Oct	Lending Finance, Australia, Aug 2010	5671.0
13 Oct	Building Activity, Australia, Jun 2010	8752.0
18 Oct	Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia, Sep 2010	9314.0
21 Oct	Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2007 to Jun 2009	8165.0
27 Oct	Consumer Price Index, Australia, Sep 2010	6401.0
29 Oct	Australian System of National Accounts, 2009–10	5204.0
1 Nov	House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, Sep 2010	6416.0
3 Nov	Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities, Sep 2010	6403.0.55.001
3 Nov	Building Approvals, Australia, Sep 2010	8731.0
4 Nov	International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Sep 2010	5368.0
4 Nov	Retail Trade, Australia, Sep 2010	8501.0
11 Nov	Labour Force, Australia, Oct 2010	6202.0
15 Nov	Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types, Sep 2010	6463.0
15 Nov	Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, Sep 2010	6467.0
17 Nov	Labour Price Index, Australia, Sep 2010	6345.0
18 Nov	Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Aug 2010	6302.0
19 Nov	Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2009–10	5220.0
30 Nov	Government Finance Statistics, Australia, Sep Quarter 2010	5519.0.55.001
3 Dec	International Trade in Services by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category, Financial Year, 2009–10	5368.0.55.003

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CONSULTATION BEGINS ON PROPOSED 2011 CENSUS OUTPUT

The ABS is committed to releasing the results of the 2011 Census through a wide range of products and services designed to make it easy for users to access the data they need. The ABS signalled the start of its consultation process on its 2011 Census output program with the release of Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing – Proposed Products and Services, 2011 (cat. no. 2011.0) in July 2010. The paper outlines the key products proposed, plans to discontinue some products and an indicative release timetable.

A session to inform users of census data of these plans and seek their feedback on them is to be held in Darwin on 20 October 2010. This session will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the new geography to be used for the 2011 Census. The session will run for two hours, with a one hour presentation followed by one hour for a question and answer discussion. For session time, location, RSVP details and contact for further information, please see the national timetable.

'CENSUS – BEYOND THE COUNT' CONFERENCE

In the lead up to the 2011 Census, the ABS will be hosting an exciting showcase event to promote the effective and innovative use of census data by government, community and private sector organisations. The 'Census | beyond the count' conference will be held in Melbourne from 2–4 March 2011. Speakers will be from a broad range of state, regional and local government bodies, charitable organisations and private institutions. If you or your organisation take census data beyond the count, we would love to hear from you. Visit the Census | beyond the count website or email beyondthecount@abs.gov.au to find out more. You can also follow developments on twitter @beyondthecount.

NT GOVERNMENT AND ABS WORKING TOGETHER

The NT Government and the ABS have committed to working in partnership to support the 2011 Census. Larnie McLintock from the NT Treasury, has joined Rebecca Luxford from the ABS to form the Census Coordination Team. Over the next couple of months, Larnie will work closely with Rebecca in the ABS NT Office to gain an understanding of plans and strategies for the 2011 Census, and areas where the NT Government can assist. Key issues for the Census Coordination Team include:

- progressing the relationship between NT Government and the ABS
- assisting with identifying relevant administrative datasets that could be used to assist with the validation of the 2011 Census data
- promoting recruitment for the 2011 Census across the NT Government
- promoting the benefits of the 2011 Census across the NT Government.

The ABS has also formed a partnership with the NT Government's Aboriginal Interpreter Service to deliver the Census message in language to Indigenous communities in the NT. One of the projects being developed under this partnership is a 'Talking Poster' which delivers the key Census messages in a range of Indigenous languages at the touch of a button. The posters are being trialled in a couple of communities and, if successful, the ABS

will be aiming to roll them out across all the major communities in 2011.

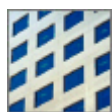
LOCAL ENGAGEMENT MANAGERS BEGIN WORK

Five Local Engagement Managers have commenced engagement activities across the northern Australia region with another five located across the rest of Australia. Planning is well underway with the Local Engagement Managers setting out the first phase of their activities to engage their local communities. A range of activities have already started, including attendance at the Garma Festival, the Ngukurr Futures Forum and also meeting with local council and community members while visiting remote Indigenous communities. Local Engagement Managers have received an excellent response to their activities so far, including valuable feedback for the conduct of the 2011 Census.

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL RECRUITMENT POOL FOR REMOTE AREAS

The ABS recently contacted tourist organisations throughout the NT and the northern regions of Queensland and Western Australia seeking permission to display postcards inviting travellers to register their interest in working in remote areas for the 2011 Census. Early next year the ABS will contact those travellers who have registered their interest to establish where they are located and their availability.

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IMPROVING THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN THE NT

The ABS is about to complete a six-month outposting to the NT Department of Health and Families to undertake a domestic and family violence data scoping study.

Domestic and family violence is a broad and significant policy area, involving a range of social issues and service providers across the government and non-government sectors. A lack of consistent and comparable data collection and analysis in the field has long been identified as a pressing issue by policy makers and researchers across Australia. The study involved:

- an audit of all domestic and family violence data collected in the NT
- an analysis of the consistency around how key concepts are defined and consistency across datasets from different sources

- an analysis of what gaps or deficiencies needed to be addressed
- an analysis of how the existing data collection and analysis in the NT could be improved through existing business processes and governance arrangements.

If you would like more information on this study, or if you would like to discuss the possibility of having an ABS officer outposted to your agency to help you address a high priority statistical need, please contact the ABS NT office, phone 08 8943 2105 or email nt.statistics@abs.gov.au.

DRAFT INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

The ABS recently released a Draft Information Development Plan (IDP) for the not-for-profit sector. The Information Paper: Non-Profit Institutions – A Draft Information Development Plan, Jul 2010 (cat. no. 5256.0.55.001) outlines the ABS response to a recent Productivity Commission report in which the Commission recommended that the ABS was best suited to draw up an IDP that addressed statistical information needs for the non-profit sector, a measurement framework, the availability of statistical information, and avenues of future data development.

The Draft IDP is intended to guide discussion of the statistical needs and priorities for the sector and also to draw attention to the statistical potential of information held in government administrative systems. Some of the findings in the Draft IDP include:

- various potential data sources are not always suitable in their current form
- a very large number of unincorporated non-profit institutions are missed in current data collections
- specific attention needs to be given to volunteering as a major part of non-profit institutions
- data on outcomes and impacts are problematic.

The Draft IDP suggests the following to improve information on non-profit institutions:

- a satellite account for non-profit institutions to be compiled every 3–4 years to coincide with other data sources and provide an improved range of information
- organisations external to the ABS to be consulted and encouraged to refine or expand their data collections
- greater attention is required on particular areas such as philanthropy, volunteering and smaller or unincorporated associations.

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the Draft IDP – please see the Information Paper for further details.

CENSUS AT SCHOOL 2010 DATA NOW AVAILABLE

The ABS CensusAtSchool project is a free online questionnaire and analysis resource for students in Years 4 to 12 in all Australian schools. More than 22,000 students took part in the voluntary 2010 CensusAtSchool questionnaire. The aim of the project is to spark students interest in statistics by making them part of the data and making them aware of the process by which the data was collected. Students have direct access to raw data samples which provide them with the flexibility to raise their own questions and initiate student–

centred investigations. Raw analysis of the full dataset (which is used only for education purposes) indicates that pizza/pasta is still the favourite take-away food choice for students in Years 4 to 12 and that 40% of girls listen to pop as their favourite music while rap is the most popular choice for boys at 21%. If you are a teacher or have a child in Years 4 to 12, you can get involved and access the data from the 2010 questionnaire by visiting the CensusAtSchool Data webpage.

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH SURVEY ANNOUNCED

In May 2010 the ABS announced the 2011–13 Australian Health Survey. This will be the most comprehensive health survey of Australians with a random sample of 50,000 Australian adults and children to be asked to complete it. Participants will be asked about any diagnosed health problems they have, the medications and medical services that they use, and new questions about lifestyle factors such as diet and physical activity. For the first time, survey respondents will also be asked to provide voluntary blood and urine samples to allow testing for nutritional status and for early indicators of lifestyle-related disease, such as high cholesterol levels and high or low blood glucose levels. For more information about the survey please see the Australian Health Survey webpage.

ABS WEBSITE KEEPS EVOLVING

Over the last few months the ABS has released a number of improvements or new features to its website, including:

- a new Health webpage – visit this page to find out what's new, use an interactive sliding scale to calculate your Body Mass Index (BMI), have a look at a visual representation of "If Australia were only 100 people", or follow the links to find out more about various health topics such as health conditions and risk factors
- a variety of new interactive tools to help visually display data, including an animated historical population chart that shows changes to Australia's population from 1788 to 2007, a calculator to demonstrate the change in purchasing power of an amount of money between two chosen dates, and two charts demonstrating changes in the House Price Index and in population projections
- a new look Confidential Unit Record File (CURF) web portal to help clients easily locate and identify the CURFs available and their associated technical manuals, data item lists and information papers.

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NIRS is the first point of contact for all your statistical and publication enquiries.

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ABS TRAINING COURSES

The ABS offers a variety of training courses for people who wish to develop their statistical skills. ABS training courses aim to equip participants with a range of statistical tools and techniques with which to analyse data, understand principles and methodologies of statistical collections, and provide practical skills in statistical analysis to help make quality informed decisions.

Details of all training courses can be found on the ABS Training webpage on the ABS website. If you have any queries or wish to register your interest in attending any of the courses on offer, please call 08 8943 2100 or email nt.statistics@abs.gov.au.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEEDBACK

Inform NT is a quarterly newsletter produced by the ABS NT Office designed to promote statistical developments relevant to the NT. If there is something you would like to see included in future issues or if you know of something that would be of interest to Inform NT readers, please let us know.

Likewise, we would like to hear from you if you have any feedback on the content of the newsletter or suggestions for how it may be improved.

Contributions and feedback can be directed to the Client and Statistical Services Branch of the ABS NT Office, phone 08 8943 2105 or email nt.statistics@abs.gov.au.

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